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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are a printing system and a method of controlling the same, in which a terminal device storing image information to be printed is specified by an order management unit (203) in accordance with print requests from a plurality of terminal devices. Depending upon whether the specified terminal device and a printer to perform printing are connected locally or via a network (204), the specified terminal device is instructed to transfer the image information to a printer to perform printing. As a result, printing can be performed efficiently by a plurality of printers in response to print requests from a plurality of terminal devices connected via a network.